

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 8 are pending. Claim 9 has been canceled. No new matter has been introduced. The changes to the specification and claim 1 have ample support in the specification. The Examiner is directed to the photoreceptor No. 1, of Table 1, at page 85, wherein the thickness of the interlayer is "1 μm ," and CGL is "0.5 μm ."

Rejection – 35 USC § 112

Claim 1 is amended based on the description at pages 35-39 (interlayer), and the first paragraph of page 104 (layer thickness). Applicant believes that the amendment cures the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection – 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP1-065561 in view of Kawahara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,821,021) and further view of Yamazaki et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0054269).

A certified translation of the priority document 283065/2002 is enclosed with a declaration by Mr. Yoshii. As a result, Yamazaki et al. is no longer applicable as a reference. It should also be noted that claims 1-8 of the application at bar find support in the original claims 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the priority document as well as pages 17, 18, 32, 89, 91, 92, 96, and 112, for example. Removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

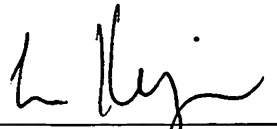
Finally, a revised declaration is co-filed herewith. Applicant had made an error in the original declaration. The error was not made in bad faith, and the Applicant wishes to cure the mistake by re-submission of a new declaration.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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